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Democrats and Cannonism.

"The one hope of the Democrats lay m a prolongation of the Republican feud. What they have done to terminate it is so much to their confusion and discomfiture."-New York Sun.

It was great fun and much excitement while it lasted-the attempted slaughtering of "Uncle Joe" to make a Roman holiday-but now, in the cold gray dawn of the morning after, how does it look from the Democratic point of view?

Significance attaches to this comment in the New York Tribune, which has stood for reform in the system of House

"The Republican party will profit most from this change, but a generous degree of credit should be given to the Democratic party for assisting without hope of profit in breaking down an odious system to be. and removing a dangerous popular complaint lodged against its Republican rival.

"Republican prospects will be greatly advanced b

Somehow, this has a decidedly reminis cent ring. It was praiseworthy, no doubt from the standpoint of genuine states manship, for the patriotic, ever obliging soiled linen. By giving its support to a minority of the majority party of the House, the Democracy exploded the bugaboo of "Cannonism." cleared the atmosphere for the Republicans, and has had a torrid old time doing it, of course! But-there are so often inconvenient old Republican organ that it is, so per- to do. suasively says, "Republican prospects Did Mr. Palmer then use up a page or will be greatly advanced by the elimi- so of the Congressional Record explainnation of the issue of 'Canno " and

racy aforesaid. ing Mr. Cannon and electing, say, Mr. after Mr. Palmer's reply to Mr. Clark, Champ Clark Speaker? (At least two Mr. Palmer said nothing some more. His the cows, and was gone forty-three Democratic papers of the South that we entire vocal effort for the day was sum- years," says the Milwaukee Sentinel. Democrats of the House hardly expected satisfied, we are not prepared to say. At even shorn of much of his power.

And read this editorial expression from the Philadelphia Public Ledger:

for the new Congress,'

Angels and ministers of grace defend would become a lost art.

themselves-probably will. The country hopelessly outclassed. is in a state of unrest; discontent is rampant. If the Democrats cannot pull through on their own merits, they may yet pull through on a fluke. A week ago it was big odds that the next House would having elections won six months before

In the meantime, that rock-ribbed old by Dr. Scheil, a European scholar.

Democratic sheet, the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, says:

"It is rather discouraging to see the historic old If they down Cannon, they reorganize the Republican party on a better and stronger basis, and propor element of Rupublican voters, into the Democratic bined the early popular legends with if the Democrats help the insurgents to save them. writings by the Assyrians. selves, they will help the Republican party to save

"The Telegraph cannot enthuse over Mr. Champ

dawn of the morning after, is about the size of it!

the presiding judge: "Your honor, I adds force to the new view of the would rather go to the penitentiary than Hebrew record. Its chief value is in Harry Lauder, and some time we hope to see him in a stunt of that kind.

Customer—I'm going to a massace ban, value will completely disguise me.

Customer—I'm going to a massace ban, value is in in a stunt of that kind. dently believed in the defendant's sin- times and in its corroboration of the story Congressmen Good to Themselves. you something, nice,

by his recent alliance with the "insurgent" Republicans.

Professional Aviators.

Paulhan's return to France will give the Wrights, who demanded such a huge upon cold storage eggs. bond he was unable to keep his contract to give exhibition flights while the inthe courts. But the facts are far from gets out of England. this.

The "sportsmanship" of which some .40 cents per month foreign writers and aviators boast, and ribs, like that Los Angeles man, Eve .. \$2.00 per year they criticise so bitterly, is purely imaginary. Paulhan was getting \$6,000 a No attention will be paid to anonymous week for giving exhibitions, and was dothe editor will be printed except over the ing so when a case in court regarding an infringement was soon to be heard. Manuscripts offered for publication will The Wrights, it is conceded, are the prebe returned if unavailable, but stamps miers in the field of aviation. If their that Dr. Cook has managed to string should be sent with the manuscript for contention that Paulhan's machine is an together a lot of readable stories during All communications intended for this infringement is upheld by the courts, they

New York Representative, J. C. WILBERDING they will offer no objection to having for- makes no extra charge whatever. eign aviators come to an international meet, but they do believe that when a foreigner who, according to their claim, how easy it would have been to keep is using a machine which should pay royalty to them comes to this country and gets \$6,000 a week, they should have exhibitions while perfecting their biplane. course The Wrights make no boast of being sportsmen. They are practical business men, and are working to perfect the pect compensation. They are not being led away by the jure of money, as Paulhan seemed to be. They look forward to the time when aerial navigation will be means of transportation. They expect ment as a rear admiral, monetary reward, and to this end are ask ing the protection of the courts. But they are not making themselves ridiculous by rushing into print and denouncing their rivals. They leave that to the "sportsmen" such as Paulhan proves himself

A Real Conservationist.

In these days of superheated word slingeven of the Speaker's supporters really believed in ing and torrid outbursts of fervent orathe methods which he applied, but subscribed to tory, it is a genuine pleasure to contem alignment now behind a system of giving greater plate the marked conservatism that play to independence and individuality. The wounds characterizes the Congressional remarks due to the Rules Committee fight ought to be soon of the Hon, Henry W. Palmer, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Palmer evidently believes in the Democracy to launder this Republican facts invariably square with his conservation theories; his idea is that beauty unadorned inevitably is adorned the most. Not a great while ago Mr. Champ Clark certain proposed official in the State De- range-finders, moreover. partment would, if created by the authority of Congress in the legislative, execu-"huts"-as the New York Tribune, good tive, and judicial appropriation bill, have

ing? Did he wax eloquent, witty, sarcas- of the finest old choppingblock ever inpects of what? Why, of carrying the cussed the inquiry? Not Mr. Palmer! ocrats are now in fine strategical posure-thanks to the ever obliging Democ- tionist. He believes in the conservation of time, of language, of nerve tissue, and Did the House Democracy delude itself of white paper. He merely answered, with the idea that the "insurgents" would "Lots!" Up to the moment of Mr. Clark's hold to the alliance to the point of oust-inquiry, Mr. Palmer had said nothing: have in mind thought so.) Oh, perhaps med up in one short and pretty word. What a fine topic for treatment at the not-and yet, we have an idea that the "Lots!" Whether Mr. Clark was entirely hands of Mr. Booth Tarkington or Mr. their allies to vote to retain "Uncle Joe," least, he must have admired the democratic simplicity of the reply, anyway.

If all Congressmen were as brief and to the point as Mr. Palmer appears to be, "Instead of holding aloof and allowing the Republicans to fight their own battles, they fought the insurgents' battle for them and helped them to extin- ment. The Congressional Record might There is too much real live news floating guish the very offense that was counted on as a cam- reduce itself to a weekly, and a mighty around. paign issue to help the Democrats in the elections thin one at that, and the postal deficit would be transformed into a fat surplus In "Cannonism"-deceptive issue that it within less than six months. No Congress was-the Democrats had something upon composed of Palmeresque individuals which to appeal to the country. Having would remain in session more than thirty themselves eliminated it, however, along days in any one year, and the greater sition to drop the old affectionate apgoes much of their most effective cam- part of that time would be taken up in pellation "Uncle Joe," the country may paign thunder with it. Upon what issue voting. * And as for that favorite Con- decide to take it up. are they to appeal now? The tariff? gressional pastime, Chautauquaing-it

As a real conservationist, Mr. Palmer They may win the next House in spite of seems to have even Mr. Gifford Pinchot

The Story of the Flood.

Biblical scholars throughout the world are showing a deep interest in the be Democratic. Even now the odds are by Dr. H. V. Hilprecht, of Philadelphia, "Babylonian deluge tablet" discovered that way, but they are not so large. and translated by him. This piece of clay takes us back a step farther than election day and losing them when the level to be of a period as early as that any other record of the flood. It is beof a narrative found at Sippur in 1897

Dr. Hilprecht found his valuable fragment in the temple at Nippur, and has Democatic party made so often the cracker of a Republican faction's whip. These insurgents protest version is largely based. It has been that they are 'better Republicans' than Cannon. known that myths of the flood were common previous to the time Genesis was written, but the tangible evidence was Democrats will keep their hands off, Cannon will missing. The Hebrew account was drawn most convincingly that she doesn't look it. drive the insurgents, who represent a very large from half a dozen sources, and com-

It was not until 1872 that tablets of itself. The Democratic party has performed this the flood were found. In that year grewsome act for its old enemy several times before. George Smith, an English scholar, found Clark's valiant attempts to lend moral aid and the in Assyrla a fragment written about 700 material votes of the Democratic party to save B. C. which contained a transcription the Republican party from its own efforts at dis of an earlier Babylonian legend. This solution; and that is what is meant by amputating proved that the Hebrew record repeated 'Cannonism' and giving life and health to the other an account current for several hundred equally-four to four-which left binding the de-And that, brethren, in the cold gray years. Later Dr. Scheil dug up a tablet cision of the court next below. which substantiated the account found in Assyria.

Dr. Hilprecht has now added to the Dr. Hilprecht has now added to the Uncle Joe Cannon allows that he "has a fine Standing before the court convicted, a evidence, and the latest find is considered singing voice," and he thinks he "might draw a South Carolina defendant remarked to the most remarkable by scholars. It large salary behind the footlights," if worse comes From Pele Mele. cerity, for he was promptly sentenced to as we are accustomed to hearing it.

With the exception of the story of the creation, there is no part of the Bible Uncle Sam has taken over the whole thing and will "A scientist has succeeded with the aid that makes a deeper impression on the pay the waiters and the manager out of his own keep the doctor away. of a microscope in measuring 1-2500th memory, and the imagination of man-of an inch." Perhaps we shall vet be kind has been kindled more often by of an inch." Perhaps we shall yet be kind has been kindled more often by good to the

able to determine precisely how much theories of this great upheaval of nature ground Mr. Champ Clark really gained than by any other in the Old Testament. Our fund of information on this topic cannot be too great. Such work as Dr. Hilprecht is doing is worthy of the highest commendation.

"How would you like to dine upon a he French press another opportunity to prehistoric mammoth?" inquires an Ohio assail American sportsmanship. It will paper. We should not think it a bit be pointed out that he was harassed by better, in all probability, than to dine

Some friend of Alfred Austin should tip him off not to write any poems about fringement case was being heard before Mr. Roosevelt until after Mr. Roosevelt

Had Adam been possessed of two spare

Three billion packages of chewing gum were sold in this country last year. the increased cost of living.

We shall not be surprised if it develops his absence.

For the fifty-seven varieties of weather isually incident to this festive and glad-The Wrights have specifically stated some equinoctial season, the weather man

> This is the time one begins to realize Lent had one only tried hard enough.

Mr. Roosevelt and Emperor William

are to meet on May 10. That will be some protection, for their plan is to give crowding Halley's comet a little, of The reason some bright young po-

litical writer does not take advantage science of aerial flight. For this they ex- of the lull and run out a Secretary Wilson resignation rumor is merely, but sufficiently, because there is no full, of

We do not believe "Uncle Joe" would so fully developed as to be a practical listen to a proposal looking to his retire-

> An Ohio physician advises that we occupy our minds with pleasant thoughts at meals. What he means, of course, is that we must not think of the price of the meat, the flour, and so on.

Having been repudiated and scorned by 'Little Joe" Brown, Mr. Peary need never expect to hear himself addressed as "colonel" down Dixleway.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says the Congressional investigation into the high ost of living is "a howling farce." That probably is about the size of it-all except the "howling."

Some Southern admirer recently sent Mr. Taft a dozen biscults concocted of policy of boiling things down-of approx- cottonseed meal. Having passed upon imating a minimum supply to a maximum baked 'possum and fried alligator, Mr. demand, so to speak. His conservation Taft probably is not afraid to tackle any other gastronomic proposition conceiv-

Those members who have been cherishing visions of an early adjournment of and shivered into fragments in the street. inquired of Mr. Palmer to know what a Congress may have to readjust their

> "J. Edward Addicks? Where have we heard that name before?" inquires the Rochester Herald. Suggests a gas meter,

so on. "Republican prospects?" Prostic, and urbane by turn the while he disvented for political purposes, the Demnext House of Representatives, to be Remember, Mr. Palmer is a conserva- sition for fanning the air-their most familiar occupation and pastime.

> By and by, perhaps, Mr. Taft will not take quite so seriously the newspapers' efforts to run the government.

> George Ade,

March 21 is pos-i-tively the last call

The Platt-Harrison "revelations" did not constitute even a nine days' wonder. bad dream," agreed the policeman in dis-

No tariff war with France? Fine! We are not even slightly mad with France,

Now that Congress has shown a dispo-

"History will do me full justice," says Senator "Jeff" Davis. Is that a hallelujah or a wail of woe?

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Having a Bully Good Time. From the Descret Evening News. Col. Roosevelt has the time of his life every day

There's Nothing to Fear. From the Atlanta Journal. Senator Percy, of Mississippi, says he doesn't in-

of his life.

all his enemies.

Justice to All Concerned.

From the Knoxville Sentinel. may seem harsh to Senator Root and Gov. Hughes to say it, but Timothy Woodruff is bose of

The Census Enumerator. From the Indianapolis News. Not only will the census en profound secret the date of a lady's birth, but if

enumerator he will assure her Paste This in Your Hat.

From the Baltimore American. President Taft has no cause for worry. Speaker Cannon still has more friends than ene-

Democrats will not carry the next Congress, Supreme Court Evenly Divided. From the Springfield Republican. The continued absence of Justics Moody is prov-

Uncle Joe in Vandeville. From the Topeka Capital.

From the Savannah News. ington, has now become a government institution. A LITTLE NONSENSE.

SPRING EATABLES, The pessimist perversely moans Or waxes mad Because there seem to be more bones

The pessimist must always take A jaundiced view Because the berries in the cake Are few.

Than shad.

The pessimist is hard to please About his food; Hunts for the bad but never sees The good.

Emphasizing His Points. "I think I'll borrow an idea from the burlesque houses for my society drama." "Have the brass drummer whack his car, enjoying a smoke. The Speaker drum every time an epigram is uttered."

"Do you prefer your eggs poached or walk. "I can't remember."

A Sad Case.

Driven to It. this," remarked the boss. head clerk.

Speed Mania. The signs upon the wayside fence We see to-day are just immense. For letters must be high, indeed, That he who runs a car may read

Very High Life. "Is it a fashionable novel?"

and mope.

Getting Started.

"What are these?" "Individual tires for fellows to carry who have the craze, but can't afford an utomobile as yet."

A Mere Molluso, "Why do you look so subdued and "I've just been to call on my wife's

A REALISTIC NIGHTMARE.

What Might Have Happened. From the Dallas News.

whom he found around the corner a block away.

"Officer," he said, "you had better come over here. Somebody's being killed, I think. Better hurry." Gathering the skirts of his coat about

his legs, and holding his revolver in its scabbard with one hand, the policeman followed the agile pedestrian to the stairway, making exceedingly good time. At the foot of the stairway the two paused to listen. A wild whoop smote the air, followed by a smashing of crockery. Then two more whoops and a piece of creckery smashed through the window "Comin' up?" asked the policeman, his jaws firm. The pedestrian nodded unwillingly, and the two mounted the creaking stair. The policeman put his blue shoulder against the flimsy door and pushed. He pushed again and again, unusual activity, and while he doesn't and at last burst in. The room was get all he goes after, he is rarely absent from his accustomed place in the Senate Having helped the Republicans dispose another whoop and something whizzed and participates in all discussions. past the policeman's ear, so that he ducked and the something smashed

against the wall. "Help!" velled the voice. "She's got me; she's killin' me!"

The voice was evidently that of a negro in terror. The policeman struck a match. and the pedestrian, crouching behind the door, did likewise. Off in the corner was a tumble-down bed, on which sat a wildeyed negro of middle age. The floor was proached the bed.

"What's the matter here?" he demanded. "Drunk?" The negro sat still in the bed and

scratched his woolly head, "No, sah," he said; "I ain't been drinkin' nuffin'. I'se been habbin a bad dream, I guess."

gust. "Yas, suh," said the negro; yas suh, boss. It sho' wuz er bad dream. I dream dat fool woman cum back. She'n

me hed er bus' up yistidday, and I dream "That's no reason why you should disturb the whole town," said the policeman, indignantly,

"Boss," said the negro, impressively, 'yuh don't know mah wife, no suh. Hit's lucky dishea's only er dream."

Suggestion as to Economy. From the Ohio State Journal,

A Congressman writes us a letter, not for publication, in which he denies that

Congress is opposed to economy because there is so much patronage in generous appropriations. In point of fact, he asbattle for economy they should oppose he was a captain, in command of the to go on her way. the demands going up from all parts of noble frigate Constitution. His deeds of catur was one of the officers who senthe country for public buildings, rivers, valor make a narrative like a dashing Senator Percy, of Mississippi, says he doesn't intend to revolutionize that body. Aldrich and his and harbors, &c., which demands are acromance. His qualities were those the
the navy. Decatur had protested against ing of a Canadian navy discussed? And acquiesced in the members will not be re-elected.

The suggestion of the Congressman is sound. The idea that a member of Conthe Republican party in New York. He has downed gress represents a constituency that he a Congressman's duty. This is a Nation shaft. with a big N, and he is to work for the whole of it. The custom is, of course, to look out for No. 1, and it will be followed as long as it seems to be a high duty to look out for local interests. But it is not the true patriotic ideal, neither is it in line with the beautiful economy which we all pray for, but which prayer, alas, we do so little to help answer.

From the Detroit Free Press. "If you want to move, all right. But ing quite effective in exposing the United States there's one thing I want understood right Supreme Court to the judgments. Two of the cases now."

"What's that?" "That if we do move, I'm not going to ride through the streets of this town on the moving van juggling an onyx clock and a bird cage.

The Complete Disguise,

Going the Limit. From the Boston Transcript,

will keep everybody away.

of American seamen She-They say that an apple a day will



Justice McKenna rides to the Capitol in a closed carriage over a quiet thorcarriage, Mrs. Day accompanying him on pleasant days. Senator Burrows goes or scoff at their ancient dignities.

they must not reflect upon the colonels himself at a first-class New York hotel.

If he wants to get shaved, he finds a to the daily grind in an open brougham. Senator Dixon speeds to his office in the Senate office building in a touring car. Senators Bacon and Dillingham get the benefit of a brisk walk, and Senator Piles can be seen on the rear dash of a street scoots along in an auto, always accompanied. Representative Dalzell uses an auto. A majority of the House members

on Saturday the House of Representa- in ardent support of their chief, they tives has subsided into Sunday-school "You didn't use to watch the clock like quiet. Leaders of the regulars still wear "I'm commuting now," explained the that play over their countenances it sufficed for the martial aid where pounds trip on one of these fine trains, looked "Sure thing. The hero even puts on a were on hand, but Murdock wasn't much enth New York with sixty gallons of Nelson, of Minneapolis, Minn., who was dress suit to sit alone of an evening in evidence. A number of the members punch when that distinguished command seen at the Riggs last night, said: "The ington, leaving their fences still in a of James Monroe. doubtful condition, have hustled back to onsult with the boys at home.

delegation is composed of three Democrats-Maguire, Hitchcock, and Latta- and the most assiduous of courtiers. They log teams invaded the forests and cut and three Republicans-Hinshaw, Norris, and Kinkaid-but in the fight against measure, they fairly swamped the place in floating logs down-stream, until to-Speaker Cannon and so-called Cannonism when Gov. Wise's fair kinswoman visited day Maine, the great 'Pine Tree State,' they were a unit. Such teamwork was him. And in more serious matters they must import her own pine timber. Then makes the situation unique as regards nor's aid was present? Who knew so well had ruthlessly cut and burned among But It Wasn't a Circumstance to Mr. Bryan's State. The delegation has as the colonels the range at ten paces, or the forest lands awoke to the realization two aspirants for Senator Burkett's seat how to maintain an impassive silence that they must soon themselves be payin the Senate, Norris and Hitchcock. As when the coroner's jury was sitting? ing \$15 a cord for firewood. Then the The pedestrian paused at the foot of both of them were in harmony in the When at length war came, how quick South became the center, builders and the rickety wooden stairs and listened. recent struggle it is a mooted question they were to take the field, how proud of manufacturers taking toll of the great Then he hurriedly sought a policeman, which one will be most benefited by the their position and how industrious. The forest lands there, until Memphis has

> Though Senator Burkett is just rounding out his first term, it is doubtful whether he will succeed himself. Conditions are such in his State that it will good, due to his consistent work at whatever duty is assigned him. He has a chairmanship, and is a member of five other committees, three of which are of the them into a veritable militia company, hands of their neighbors, for two cenutmost importance. They are Appropria- drawn from the entire State? As soon ture and Forestry, On each of these three tion or sell Houdon's Washington to a committees Senator Burkett has shown pork baron from Chicago.

dulge in a quiet little nap.

The Silver Lining.

From the Atchison Globe where it is, there isn't going to be any left over for hash.

VIRGINIA'S COLONELS.

They Are an Institution and Must Be Reverently Handled.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The Virginia colonels must be rever-Daring legislators, reckless of precedent, City station, board one of the eighteenmay change the arrangement of the auditor's office, may oust a basement official, may reduce appropriations and not said Charles F. Walker, a banker and increase special taxes, may, in a word. oughfare. Justice Day also uses a closed do anything reckless or revolutionary, but

part of our ante-bellum life as the State Sulphur Springs. The old colonels were distinguished men, holding their heads high with conscious pride and prestige. They were political oracles, knowing premond would give or exactly how Dromgoole would fare in the adjoining district. From the crowded hall and excitement In ostentation, in general usefulness, and were notable in an age of notables.

Uniforms did not cost \$200 in those their carnations, and from the smiles days, to be sure, and ounces of gold lace States. A foreigner, when taking his first would seem that they are satisfied with are needed now. But for all of that, it their lot. Even Jim Mann is quiet, with was a gallant sight to see Bassett French, marked: 'Riding on the train in America a face wreathed in smiles and a know. of revered memory, dashing about in uni- is like being a guest in a rich man's ing look. Some of the insurgents seem form on the orders of Honest John house." restiess, and though they have won a Letcher. So was it a dread thing to watch victory, their appearance is quite con- the governor's aids shivering in the storm trary to the regulars-they look care- when the cornerstone for the Washingworn and worried. Representative Nor- ton Monument was laid and a stirring ris is a busy body, and evidently feels spectacle to witness them gather around himself a leader. Cooper and Gardner Henry A. Wise as he welcomed the Sevwho had been called hurriedly to Wash- came to Richmond, bringing the ashes need of lumber for homes, for ships, for

dozen ways. Of the best blood of old tion, has made lumbering one of the Virginia, they were indispensable help- greatest industries in the United States. The situation of the Nebraska delega- ers at social functions. When young lation in the House is a peculiar one. The dies gathered at the mansion, the aids center was in the New England States, were the most prodigal of entertainers, and men with axes and saws and great could flatter a maid, they could dance a and sawed and endangered their lives never before seen in a divided delega- were always at hand. Who ever heard of the center swept to the virgin forests of tion, and the victory of the allied forces a duel in polite circles but that a gover- the Middle Northwest, until men who onels, but they did their duty in office hardwood lumber market in the world, and on field.

Nor were they less valuable when a than forty acres is an everyday sight political campaign was afoot. Then they in the territory bordering on Wolf River. require a great deal of strenuous work him on the stump with vehement elowould rally to their chief and champion quence and heartfelt invective for his the call of the West will be heard, and The prominence taken in the affairs of adversary. If the governor wanted an where even now giant Sequoias and the House by Representative Norris editorial in the "Examiner" who could Douglass firs are being skidded down makes him no mean adversary. For a so safely climb the rickety office steps the mountain and sent off by rail to young Senator serving his first term, as an aid? Who could so deftly soothe the meet the ever-growing demands, an even Senator Burkett has been unusually for editor's ire and satisfy his objections? tunate. His committee assignments are Who could manipulate a convention or West, too, will pay the price of national secure a nomination with such consum- prosperity. mate grace and ease?

tions, District of Columbia, and Agricultear the bill of rights from the Constitution of their forests, have no longer been able

The Right to Vote From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

When Senator Elkins got started on the frage question have assumed that the days. With no trees to break the wind railroad rate bill, he requested Senators right to vote is a natural right, and they or to temper the climate, winter and sumnot to interrupt him. The reason is ap- have greatly confused suffrage issues by mer, a decided climatic revolution has parent, for when the ruddy Senator gets this careless assumption. It is equally swept over some sections. Sheep and going it is hard to stop him. He was confusing to assume that all persons who goat raisers have allowed their flocks to interrupted, however, by Senators Bacon pay taxes must have some part in elect. graze over great sections of forest land, and Clapp, but only for a moment. Sen- ing their official representatives. Minors, where they have swept the floor of the ator La Follette listened attentively to the through their legal representatives, pay hills clean before them, stripping young arguments as presented by Senator El- taxes. Feeble-minded persons who own trees of their foliage, eating all grass and kins, and made many notes. Others of property in this country pay taxes. For- young shoots, and trampling the ground strewn with broken crockery. Seeing a the insurgents and Democrats were con- eigners who have invested money in into a barren waste, the land behind spicuous by their absence, excepting Sen- America pay taxes. There are no votes stretching out as desolate as though a ator Hale, who took the occasion to in- in these classes of taxpayers. Exclusive fire had blown that way. Fires from of the women, there are hundreds of lumbermen's camps, from hunters' pipes, thousands of persons in this country from trains, from Indian nut gatherers' who pay taxes, but who are not capable small clearing frames, and from lightningof qualifying as electors. The right to struck trees have burned not only the

TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

dragging in irrelevancies,

Decatur's Tragic Death-March 22.

brilliant officers of the old navy. He en- impressed into the British service. tered the service when the naval spirit was at its lowest abb. He was without every patriot regard with satisfaction. ron's professional capacity. Decatur was killed in a duel with Capt.

years of age, at the height of his physi-sistent with honor to avoid doing so. the United States with Great Britain.

States frigate Chesapeake left Hampton early days. Roads for sea, in command of Capt. Barron. Lying outside the roads, in Lynn-

The command of the British squadron

As the Chesapeake went to sea the at El Paso and Juarez.

frigate Leopard was detached to follow her and demand the men. The demand Barron was court-martialed, and De- on this hemisphere.

naval office to-day can emulate with serving on the trial board, as he had if so, what was the agreement reached profit to himself and his country, and formed an unfavorable opinion of Bar- between the two executives? Was there

and his remains lie in an old cemetery in active command, Decatur felt it his duty ington? Was this meeting the forerunshould work for to the exclusion of the Philadelphia, marked by an elaborate to oppose his appointment to any place ner of events which are to follow? It of trust. Barron deeply resented this. may be said that Taft merely met Grey It was the inexplicable portion of des- Meddling friends fanned the fire of his for the sake of adjusting the tariff questiny that Decatur should meet his death resentment. At last, on March 22, he tion, but that seems such an insignificant at the hands of a fellow-officer. In 1820, challenged Decatur, who had no desire matter to be brought before the two when but a few months more than forty to fight him, and made every effort concal powers and popularity, he was living Barron persisted, and the men met at than passing political significance will

in Washington, being a member of the Bladensburg. When the word "fire" was result from this meeting." board of naval commissions, established given, Barron fell, wounded in the hip, in 1815, and composed of officers acting as where Decatur said he would shoot him. advisors to the Secretary of the Navy. Decatur was shot in the abdomen and fell From the St. Louis Star, Having inherited property from his soon after Barron. He was taken to his Somebody has been lamenting the decay father, who had amassed a moderate for- home, where he died that night. No man of American oratory-it was Col. Harvey, tune in seafaring out of Philadelphia, was ever more regretted by the country the elongated pen-pusher of Harper's Decatur had built a fine house in Wash- than this heroic officer, and he was fol- Weekly, who himself, however, shows that ington, over which his accomplished lowed to his grave by the largest con- the Americanized English language is not though childless wife presided with win- course of people-public and private-that dead "as she is wrote"-but he could not ning grace. The cause of Decatur's had ever assembled in Washington City. have been in touch with English election death may be traced back nearly thirteen After a temporary interment there he campaign "jaw bone" or he would not years, to an unhappy incident of historic was taken to Philadelphia and buried in have so easily despaired. Oratory is still haracter preceding the second war of the venerable churchyard of St. Peter's, in flower in England even if it is in the not far from the house, 519 South Front soup in America. A certain Mr. Little-In the summer of 1807 the United street, where the hero passed his happy john, for instance-without the encour-

haven Bay, was a British squadron. The Act became a law, and in 1847 that the sonorous, sentences, such as "The purtwo countries were at peace, but the bombardment of Vera Cruz started. It pose of the trophled miscellany, who trod British were pursuing the course which is the birthday of the Confederate gen- upon thought in the purlieus of Downing was to lead to the war, the impressment eral, Braxton Bragg (1817); Anthony Van street, was to disintegrate an empire with Dyck, the Flemish painter (1599); Rosa persuasive pasquinades, liberal levity, Bonheur, the famous woman artist (1828); volatile vivacity, and designed deception." had claimed that on the Chesapeake were | Emperor William I of Germany (1797), and | Not satisfied with this he gave them the three deserters from the British navy, the day on which Goethe, the German other barrel with "Ministers were drugged He-Why stop there? An onion a day and had demanded their surrender, which poet, died in 1832, and Jonathan Edwards, into opportunism and ossitated in vawas refused on the ground that the men the Calvinistic minister, died in 1758.

AT THE HOTELS.

"To-day the traveler from New York to Chicago can lock up his office at the close of business, go to the Grand Cenently handled. They are an institution. trai station or ferry across to the Jersey hour trains, and get to Chicago before the opening of the business day there,"

real estate man of New York. "And while going, if he will pull down the curtains, he might almost imagine If he wants to get shaved, he finds a To do so would be to belie old Vir- barber shop. If he wants to dictate letginia, for the colonels were as much a ters or telegrams, he finds a free stenographer aboard. If he wants to read, he Guard, the Kanawha Canal, or the White has access to an excellent little library, in which there is something to suit every cultivated taste. He can take his regular morning bath and find his clothes carefully pressed. If he is convivial, there is a handsome little bar on the train where the cup that cheers may be had in the usual variety.

"In fact," continued Mr. Walker, "about everything that a man should wish he will find. And there are trains of a similar character, except as to speed, on nearly every important road in the United around him for a while and then re-

Levi P. Morton, former Vice President of the United States, and Mrs. Morton are at the Arlington.

Discussing conservation, Herman H. fire wood, for the thousand and one ac-The colonels were useful in a half- cessories to civilized progress of the na-"First," continued Mr. Nelson, "the "Examiner" might abuse Letcher's col- arisen to prominence as the greatest and a stack of planks covering more

"The people of the United States have suffered at their own hands, or at the to conserve the rain and snow fall, and sudden dangerous floods have been precipitated in the valleys below, eroding the hillsides, sweeping alluvial lands out to Too many commentators on the suf- leaving no water reserve for summer a, rendering farms unproductive, and Look on the bright side. With meat vote is a right to be conferred, and the trees and undergrowth, but have eaten women ought not to confuse the issue by several feet deep into the rich leafmold below, rendering the soil almost too sterile

for immediate forest reproduction. "And yet there are people high in official life who are practically fighting the conservation scheme with all the power and influence at their hands."

Nathan C. Carter, of Chicago, a prominent business man of that place, who is at the Arlington, said last night that President Taft's conference with Earl Grey, the governor general of Canada, is of political significance, following closely, as it does, upon the heels of the visit of Stephen Decatur was one of the most | were Americans, who had been illegally | President Taft to President Diaz, of Mexico, which took place a few months ago

"Of course, I may be absolutely wrong training as an officer, when, at twenty, he was refused by Capt. Barron, and the onlooker the meeting between President began the career that was to bring him Leopard attacked the Chesapeake. Bar- Taft and Governor General Grey, of Canfame. Before he was twenty-five he had ron fired but one gun in reply and sur- ada, is of more than passing significance. sures us that this is untrue. He then been twice honored by the presentation of rendered his ship. After the men had Little attention has been paid by the pubsuggests that if the newspapers want to a sword by Congress, and at thirty-five been taken from her she was permitted lic and the press to this meeting between the heads of the two greatest countries

"Is the tariff all that was discussed any mention made of the joining of both When, at the end of the war, Barron countries into one great, big, powerful James Barron, fought on March 22, 1820, returned to the navy and demanded an nation, with one government at Wash-

"Mark my word, something of more

aging presence of Robin Hood or Friar Tuck-defended the House of Lords with It was on March 22, 1765, that the Stamp ponderous and philologistic, if not pidity."